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Fun in the sun



Last weekend, thousands of people could be found at Bay Beach enjoying the nice weather. Hundreds also participated in the Crystal Beach Volleyball Tournament, hosted by Niagara Sport and Social and the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area. The next tournament at the beach is scheduled for Aug 7 and 8. Visit www.niagarasportandsocial.com to register.

Bridge design chosen

Open houses determine three-span arch is favoured by public

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Peace Bridge Expansion Project is gaining momentum.

In January and February, public open houses were held in Fort Erie and Buffalo, allowing residents in the neighbouring municipalities to offer their input on what design concept they would like to see built.

There were five choices provided and the results have determined that the three-span arch option is most favoured by people on both sides of the border.

"Overwhelmingly, the three-span arch was selected by the public," said Peace Bridge Authority (PBA) general manager Ron Rlenas, on Thursday.

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'End is in sight,' says PBA general manager

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This means a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) can be submitted to the Town of Fort Erie and the City of Buffalo for approval. Once that is done, it will then be considered by regulatory agencies in the U.S. and then a record of decision can be made.

Rienas said the majority of work that still needs to be done heading toward getting a shovel in the ground lies on the U.S. side of the border, as plans to erect a new plaza there need to be approved.

An environmental approval from the federal government is still needed for the portion of the bridge that will lay across the Canadian side of the Niagara River. But since the government was involved with the open houses,

“We don’t anticipate it to be a lengthy or complicated process.”

— Ron Rienas

Rienas feels it won’t be much of a problem getting the final approval in Canada.

“We don’t anticipate it to be a lengthy or complicated process,” said Rienas.

In 2005, the Town of Fort Erie and the City of Buffalo worked collaboratively to create a jury of individuals from both sides of the river. There were 32 members and were all appointed by involved agencies.

The jury recommended a

two tower cable stay bridge and it was deemed acceptable by representatives from Buffalo and Fort Erie.

When a draft EIS was submitted to U.S. agencies, it was heavily scrutinized and

deemed unacceptable because of the impact it would have on migratory birds.

The PBA had to go back to the drawing board and returned to the public with

five different concepts, with the three-span arch being the most preferred.

“The end is in sight,” said Rienas.

He expects the EIS to be submitted to the govern-

ments of Buffalo and Fort Erie by September.

All five concepts were designed by world-renowned bridge designers Figg Engineering and Christian Menn.



A three-span arch has been chosen for the Peace Bridge Authority's Expansion Project. Five design concepts were presented to the public at open houses held in Fort Erie and Buffalo in January and February and the one shown above was heavily favoured according to the input gathered. A final Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be forwarded to the Town of Fort Erie and the City of Buffalo by September of this year, followed by a record of decision in 2011. In 2008, a two-tower cable-stay bridge was nixed by a variety of U.S. agencies because of the impacts it would have on migratory birds.



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Summer Festival a success

➤ Change in venue doesn't create too many issues with attendance

Kris Dubé
The Times

It was the 20th year for the Ridgeway Summer Festival last weekend, but the first time it had to be moved from its usual location.

With the Ridge Road construction project taking place, the event had to be re-located to the Crystal Ridge Community Centre. Event co-ordinator Dena Sahs said she didn't have a tally on exactly how many people attended during the two-day event, but is confident the numbers were pretty close to what they have been in the past at the normal venue along Ridge Road.

"I think we had a very good crowd," she said. She said it was a very busy two days as there were only six volunteers, including herself, to help make the event

“The vendors were prepared for it and they're ready to come back next year too.”

— Dena Sahs

run so smoothly. Without them, it wouldn't have been so successful, she said.

"I'm very proud of all my volunteers," she said.

"We were all pretty whipped when it was over," she added.

Sahs said the over 50 vendors also did a great job adjusting to the different location this year and is

thankful for their co-operation as well.

"The vendors were prepared for it and they're ready to come back next year too," said Sahs.

Lloyd McGuigan, Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen registrar and event-chair for the street-dance held on Saturday evening, agrees everything went well, considering the different location.

"We managed to pull through it," he said.

He said it was hard to determine an exact number of people who enjoyed themselves at the street-dance, but is confident that it was a success when it comes to those figures.

"I wouldn't say it was any smaller than other years," said McGuigan.



Niagara Falls resident Pat Forrester listening to a sales pitch from Henry Boccaccio on his product the "Super Peeler," a tool for cutting fruits and vegetables.



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Development put on hold

Residents say lines of communication opened in 2006 but closed shortly after

“There’s people who feel their voices aren’t being heard.”

Kris Dubé
The Times

—Michael Rutherford

A proposed development in Ridgeway has been put on hold, as local councillors have requested the developer to provide more public consultation before moving ahead with a shovel in the ground.

Creekside Estates, a plan to build on 30 lots on the north side of Nigh Road, west of Ridge Road North and east of Gorham Road have been discussed since public meetings in 2006 were held.

But some residents already living in the area feel their comments from four years ago are not being implemented into the proposal, saying the development will look awkward and not fit into the fabric of the area.

In a delegation on the subject, High Road resident Michael Rutherford said when the developer held public consultations, the process seemed to be mov-

ing smoothly and the concerns of nearby residents were being addressed.

Since that time, they’ve been left in the dark, he feels.

“The rest of us aren’t involved in it anymore,” said Rutherford.

“There’s people who feel their voices aren’t being heard,” he added.

As questions and comments were given from council after Rutherford’s delegation, mayor Doug Martin agreed that the public comments from 2006 have not been worked into the proposal, aside from the developer moving ahead with consultation with the Niagara Region and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

“So then, you’ve talked everything by body at length to get

approval that are necessary but nobody has gone back to the residents with this at all,” said Martin to Phil Fisher, a planning consultant who spoke at the meeting on behalf of the applicant.

Fisher responded by saying that the developers have followed proper protocol in accordance with the planning act and have co-operated with Town staff. He also said there haven’t been any issues with putting the project on hold until the area residents can give their thoughts on the project and continue its conversations from 2006.

“I see nothing wrong with that,” he said.

The report, that details a request for approval of a draft plan of subdivision and a zoning by-law amendment has been tabled until the council-in-committee meeting of Aug. 9.

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PEACE BRIDGE DUTY FREE HIRES NEW GM

Glenn Mills to guide company's growth as a luxury shopping experience

FORT ERIE, ONT JULY 15, 2010 — Peace Bridge Duty Free, the largest duty free shop in North America, is redesigning itself as a five-diamond luxury shopping destination and hired a new general manager to lead its world-class shopping experience.

Duty Free President George W. Slipp announced the hiring of Glenn J. Mills, who joins the independent, private retailer on the Canadian side of the Fort Erie-Buffalo border after serving for 10 years in five senior executive positions with Golf Town, a golf equipment retailer. Mills is credited with helping grow the Ontario-based company from two to 48 stores with 1,600 employees, making the small start-up the world's fourth-largest golf retailer a decade later, with \$350 million in sales. Mills' focus at Duty Free will be to highlight fine fragrances, cosmetics, jewelry, watches, china and crystal, vintage wines and more that is sales, helping make it the world's third-largest duty free store. The 28,000-square-foot store features many high-end brands, the newest of which include Kenneth Cole, Guess and Gucci.

Peace Bridge Duty Free is responsible for more sales of Crown Royal whiskey than any other single store in the world, and sells more Absolut Vodka than any other retail store in North America.

"I'm very excited to be part of the future driving change in our organization and working with the Peace Bridge Duty Free passionate team," said Mills. "The five-diamond plan will involve all aspects of the operation at our first-class facility and provide our valued clientele with a luxury shopping experience at tax- and duty-free pricing."

Mills is also leading Duty Free's reorganization of its already impressive vintage wine and high-end Scotch section. While Peace Bridge Duty Free currently offers wines from all over the world, and is the largest duty-free retailer of ice wines in Canada, the section will soon also contain an area dedicated to the finest wines and Scotches.

"We are heavily reinvesting in the customer to create an experience that gives cross-border shoppers even more reason to get in the car and make the quick trip," said Mills. Mills, who also gained retail experience managing Canadian Tire and Zellers stores earlier in his career, attended Florida Atlantic University on an academic/scholarship, York University for accounting and completed the Executive Development Program at Queen's University, Kingston, ON. Mills is married with two young daughters and has family ties to Ft. Erie.

"We are known for our low tobacco and liquor prices, but we are now so much more, offering fine fragrances, jewelry, and other products only found in the largest cities," said Mills. "Peace Bridge Duty Free is literally at the confluence of two great nations and we will not rest until we meet the luxury needs of both countries' consumers."

Coinciding with completion of the new wine and Scotch section will be an all-encompassing marketing campaign — designed with help from two business school professors at the University at Buffalo — that will effectively communicate the store's new luxury positioning to the public. Peace Bridge Duty Free, which is less than three miles from downtown Buffalo, is working with a marketing firm to develop radio and print advertising incorporating a new slogan and visuals that exemplify luxury.

"If you want to shop for products usually found in stores like Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus and Bloomingdale's, now you can, right across the Peace Bridge," said Mills. "We will exceed our customers' expectations and maintain impeccable physical and attitudinal standards of excellence."

Duty Free's marketing director said excellence is the standard.

"Essentially, the products we sell and the way in which we sell them reflect how customers view our store. If we strive for excellence in both of the above, we're confident that this endeavor will be a success," said Bonnie Gains, Duty Free's marketing manager. For an easy primer on duty-free regulations for Canadian or American shoppers, go to www.dutyfree.ca.

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our editorial

Skatepark will be enjoyed regardless of cutbacks

Despite a few cutbacks on the Fort Erie Skatepark, it is still going to be a facility enthusiasts of the sport will love to the fullest extent.

This is a project that local parents have been waiting for since they were young children...and still today's local skateboarding demographic is rather "stoked" for its completion.

This isn't an editorial about its location because that is an entirely different story.

For so many years, local skateboarders have been given a bad reputation because they have to resort to trespassing sometimes or building ramps for in front of their house that occasionally hold up

traffic.

Skateboarding is a sport and a culture, not an act of mischief or something troubled youth participate in to act out against their parents with.

The skatepark will still be an ideal venue for kids who are just starting to learn basic tricks and for seasoned veterans who want to show off for everyone.

When it is built, we guarantee there will be regular flow of adults and kids enjoying themselves making new friends and doing something productive.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

Thanks to Gerry Seebach for identifying the athletes in last week's photo of an immense moment in local sports. This exhibition fastball game pitted the Fort Erie Fire Company No. 2 against the Stevensville Ladies' fastball team sometime in the 1970's. From left to right are umpire Bill Dundas, catcher Lynda Bythell and Gerry Seebach at bat. They were playing in the ballpark that used to be

beside the Stevensville Memorial Hall.

An anonymous caller phoned in to provide more details about our June 26 photo of children and their daycare providers. It was taken about 1973 or 1974 and the two teen aged girls in front from left to right are Nancy Horner and Jeanne Hore. The tall girl in the background may be Barbie McDonald and the blond child at centre may be one of the Burton twins. Thanks as well to Shirley

Plato who called in to identify her grandson Derek Plato, the first boy on the left.

This week's photo has three boys proudly posing with their medals and ribbons. There are two clues written on the back - bike rodeo and June 30, 1981. Can anyone tell us who these young gentlemen are and where the picture was taken? Please call the museum at (905) 894-5322 or send an email to museum@forterie.on.ca.

No shortage of news during summer season



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

Last weekend was an adventure...to say the least.

As many avid readers are aware, I make up 100 per cent of the editorial staff at the Times currently, since former reporter Matt Day left for another job. So, when there are

weekend events taking place locally for the next little while, expect to see me there.

This past Saturday, I could be spotted just about everywhere in this small town of ours as I put dozens of kilometers on my car, covering nine different events throughout the day.

I started at 9:30 a.m. and wrapped up around 10 p.m.

I will admit, I wasn't working non-stop during this time and was able to stop home for the occa-

sional dip in the pool and snack. I didn't want to eat too much because of the heat...plus I knew one of my stops was Ribfest at Fort Erie Fire Department Station No. 3 and would likely be satisfying my hunger after getting the photo I needed.

The ribs were exquisite by the way.

A few times, I even had to take a seat and respond to emails I was getting on my iPhone about last week's editor's notebook, where I had some things to say about a certain band

that played at the Friendship Festival.

I'm not going to bore you about the rest of the day, which also included a handful of other photo and story opportunities, along with two separate trips to the Ridgeway Summer Festival.

Both times I was there, I was impressed with how nicely everything seemed to be operating, with the change of venue from its previous runs.

The moral of this story, is that Fort Erie is a great place all-year-round, but

especially in the summer.

Another event I had to make an appearance at last weekend was the volleyball tournament at Bay Beach.

It looked like the entire population of Greater Fort Erie was there soaking up the sun.

In reality, it was a crowd consisting of thousands of tourists and seasonal residents who flock to this area because of how great it is.

There is always something to do in the summer and me having to cover

nine events last weekend only furthers my argument.

This weekend, when you see the sun shining...put down the remote control or video game controller and do something productive and fun.

I had a great time last Saturday and I was technically at work for most of the day.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or you can send me an email at editorial@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

Why do people want to change character of beach?

Dear Editor,

What's new and what's not? We arrived at our Crystal Beach summer residence a few weeks earlier this year.

Walking on the beach we were immediately reminded how remarkably beautiful and unique it is and unlike any places we've visited.

We wonder why some people want to change its character? We wonder why it's not promoted as the showplace of the Fort Erie region and marketed as such? Crystal Beach does not have to take a back seat to any area. Then we were thrust back to reality. New faces have entered the picture and they tell us multi-level condos are the answer. Instead of promoting and marketing Crystal Beach on its own merits, it is easier to sell off and be bought out.

We've observed, as in the past, that cleaning and maintaining the area is not a high priority. Enforcement of existing by-laws, cleaning of

streets, sewers and lack of litter containers is evident. However, we are encouraged because we know the one-time summer blitz will occur when our area will be judged for the "Communities in Bloom".

We appreciate the efforts to beautify the neighborhood however when it is not done on a continual basis, it is nothing more than a charade for the benefit of the judges, we wonder if their pot has not been sweetened by certain individuals and groups that favor high-rise development?

Last year I observed, questioned and documented removal of sand from the beach and understand this can't or at least will be more difficult to do in the future; could we have the sand that is along the Ashwood Avenue beach entrances, which is 2 to 3 metres high, pushed back onto the beach?

The recent purchase of property along Erie Road has also garnered my attention; though parking on that property will still

continue, the new owner has opened up his "heart" and allowed a local fireman group to help the financial benefit. Will others follow?

You cannot fault the groups that will benefit, as it is a needed resource to advance their agendas. Our question, however, is will all groups be given the same opportunity or only those groups that fit into the new owner's plans?

Thoughts like buying votes and swaying public opinion, phrases like pay-off and lining pockets come to mind.

Not mentioned is the new owner's name but a hint... it has four syllables and starts with an M.

Finally, if you need something done in our Township like special trash pick-up from your private property, we're convinced if you know the right people and have the right connections you certainly can get that job done.

Cindy and Jerry Pequeen

The TIMES Asks

What do you do to beat the heat?



Justin Casucci

"I hide in the house and take advantage of the air conditioning. The sun is my enemy."



Derrick McGuigan

"I lay in the pool and drink beer."



Lois Hawes

"I just simply sit back and think cool thoughts."



Katelyn Scott

"I keep cool by heading to the beach or by just hanging out by the pool."

What do you think?

E-mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

Rio Vista Retirees get a full crowd on Wednesday

Dear Editor,

It was another hot one for our Rio Vista retirees this Wednesday morning. With an excellent turnout of 46 seniors it would give gerontologists who study the phenomena of aging some extra data.

This week's event was the special 3-2-1 count, individual play.

Muggy conditions didn't seem to bother these guys and their scores were better than normal.

Winners with 54 points were the foursome of Barney James, Pat Ryan, Nick Langelaan and Scott Burridge.

The runners up, determined by a retrogression after a three-way tie went to the foursome of Al

PLato, Dave Niznik, Bob Woehl and Malcolm Williams with 61 points.

The weekly draw was won by Dennis Heuser and the guest pass to Dennis Bailey.

Next week's is the "beat the pro" event followed by a BBQ lunch.

Tony Vanderklei
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Students raise money for a cause



On the last day of the school year, students in Mr. Simons' grade three class at Stevensville Public School enjoyed a pizza party after presenting a cheque to Ronald McDonald House for \$3,590 raised by the entire school. There were six students who were able to raise \$100 each for the cause. They are Adam Woshi, Andrew Vanderkel, Zack Cooper, Matthew Vanderkel, Dharma Borneau and Kelsey Hill.

Talking politics



Arlene White, right, having a chat with resident Carol McLaughlin at Ming-Teh Restaurant last Saturday morning. White, who is also the executive director of the bicultural tourism alliance is seeking the Conservative party's bid to run for MPP in the next provincial election. Ward 1 Coun. Sandy Annunziata is also campaigning for the same position.

First win of season



Ridgeway United Ladies Team player Katie Travers in action against a player from Dunnville on Wednesday at Ferndale Park. It was the first win of the season for the local squad, narrowly taking the game 1-0.

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Inquires regarding the Request for Proposal can be directed to Helen Chamberlain, Director of Corporate Services at 905-871-1600 ext.2300 or hchamberlain@town.forterie.on.ca

Skatepark scaled down for financial reasons

Council debates whether there is money available to stick with original plan

Kris Dubé
The Times

Certain features of the Fort Erie Skatepark have been removed from its plans, for budget reasons.

At Monday's council-in-committee meeting, local politicians debated for an hour about what could be done to re-instate a handful of amenities originally planned for the anticipated facility, since the park's consultant LANDinc designed it 27 per cent over budget.

In the end, council approved the staff report to award construction contracts for the recently scaled-down skateboard and BMX park.

Construction work will be undertaken by the UCC Group of Toronto for

\$476,505 excluding taxes and local company Lawns and More will be responsible for landscaping features at the park for \$55,983. Council originally set aside \$500,000 for the project, with \$400,000 of that amount coming from government stimulus funding.

Removed from the skatepark's plans are a "beginner bowl" and associated drainage and grading works. Also eliminated after council's decision on Monday is an extension wall on the larger bowl designed for more advanced skateboarders and stairs leading to the bowl and street parks. There are several other elements in the street park that have been simplified. To bring them back to the table, council would need another \$26,000.

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley feels removing these aspects of the facility isn't necessary and that an alternative source of funding, possibly from a Town account, should be investigated to bring back

all the features originally planned in the design concept. He feels eliminating portions of the park that would be utilized by younger, aspiring skateboarders is a disservice and it could result in injury or discouragement.

"By taking out the beginner portions of this, you've either forced someone who wants to learn the art to start on a part where they aren't n.b.e, or you're going to scare them away completely," he said.

He continued by saying this is a project that has been on the table for too many years and is setting for a facility of lesser quality without looking for funds elsewhere isn't the right way to go.

To start "nickel and diming" at this point, I'm not in favour of that," he said.

Ward 4 Coun. Sandy Annunziata, who along with Ward 4 Coun. Tim Whitfield were highly opposed to the skatepark's chosen location

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— Mayor Doug Martin

next to Town Hall when it was discussed earlier this year, isn't satisfied with the recent changes.

Instead of providing the public with a "watered down" facility, he feels the chosen site should be re-evaluated.

"Any reasonable person having their

confidence shaken by the misleading information provided to council from so-called experts, should demand thoughtful reconsideration of the proposed site in order to achieve the original vision. But instead, certain councillors are more than willing to throw hard earned tax dollars to fix a problem that was flawed from the start," said Annunziata following the meeting.

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular said council should trust the vision of the skatepark committee, as it says in the staff report that it supports these changes.

"This is what they want," he said.

Mayor Doug Martin said he would like to be able to provide more cash for the project from the Town but pulling money from other Town funds when there is no indication at this

point that the amount can be replaced, is something he isn't comfortable with.

"I wish we had more, but I simply can't support finding dollars, without a report to see where we will get the funds from or how we'll be impacted," said Martin.

Stephen Passero, chair of the skatepark advisory committee said although the project has been modified, it will still be a great facility and that the committee wholeheartedly supports the recommendation made by staff.

"It's been a lengthy but worthwhile process, but at the end of the day, the skatepark the community will be getting is top-notch and we know the users of the park will be thrilled when it's completed," said Passero.

The skatepark is expected to be completed by November as work will begin later this month.

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Last Wednesday, the

Cannons were down by a score of 4-0 in the seventh and final inning but forced extra at bats by scoring four runs. The game was all tied up when Chris Patterson crossed the plate on a hit from Lucas Cummings, who had three hits in his five times at the dish.

In the ninth inning, a walk-off two-run homerun

from Colin Chevalier with two outs already in the field, won the game for the Cannons.

The coaching staff says solid pitching from Mike Fowler and reliever James MacKinnon also gave the team a chance to win.

This past Monday, the Cannons met with the Merritt Alliance at home

for a double-header.

The Cannons came out on top in the first game by a score of 7-3 with Mike Fowler getting the win on the mound. They lost the second game 6-4.

Marcus Peralta had a solo homerun in the first game and Pat "Meatball" Giampalo had one in the second game.

On Wednesday, the Cannons beat the Thorold Mariners 9-7.

Justin Hall picked up the win, retiring five batters on strikes in just three innings. Giampalo came in for relief and earned the save.

He also hit a grand slam in the second inning giving the Cannons a comfortable 7-0 lead.

In the fifth inning, a Thorold player lined up a grand slam and cut the Cannons' lead to 8-7.

That's as close as they would get, as the Cannons added an insurance run in the sixth inning. The next home game is this Wednesday against the Thorold Fantoms at Oakes Park at 7:30 p.m.



Fort Erie Cannons Mike Fowler, left, and James MacKinnon standing next to a banner displaying all of the local men's baseball team's sponsors. The team is very appreciative of all the local businesses that have supported them over the years and would like to extend its thanks. The next home game is this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Oakes Park against Thorold.

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Deaths

BLAIR, Dusty (George) - On Friday, July 9th, 2010, Dusty passed away following the recent death of his beloved wife Lilian. Survived by his loving daughter Terri Blair and his cherished granddaughter Sarah Jarvis. Dusty will fondly be remembered by many nieces, nephews, friends and teammates. Dusty was a proud member of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Calder Cup winner, Rhode Island Reds (AHL) and many other professional teams. A memorial service to celebrate Dusty's life was held at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridgeway Road N, Ridgeway on Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. In memory of Dusty, those who wish may donate to the Canadian Diabetes Association. On guest register: www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

Deaths

HUMPHREY, Harold Thomas - Harold passed away peacefully at home while surrounded by the comfort and love of his family on July 12, 2010 in his 79th year. Predeceased by his wife Catherine (nee Brewster). Sadly missed by his children Tom, Allan (Loretta), Pam Capi, Cheryl (Rogmy Morningstar) Marietta, Jacqueline (Rogmy) Dubroy and Ken (Lesley). Cherished grandfather of 17 and great grandfather of 7. Also survived by a sister Grace Emburgh, many friends and extended family. Predeceased by a son Gary, his parents Walter and Alice Humphrey and his brother Jim. Harold was employed by the CNR for 38 years and was a proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #71. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Wednesday July 14th, from 2-4pm and 7-9pm. Funeral Services were conducted Thursday July 15th, at 11am in the Benner Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. If so desired donations to the Shaver Hospital or the B#71 Legion Poppy Fund would be appreciated by the family. Cards available at the funeral home.

MCINTOSH, Ted - Passed away at his home on Wednesday July 14th after a short battle with cancer. Ted was a kind gentle and thoughtful person who enjoyed life with his family and friends. For 25 years he ran a pick your own strawberry operation on Michener Rd. and in Sheraton. He died as he lived his life with dignity. He will be greatly missed by his wife Carol, daughter Jeanne (Adrian) Minor and Heather (Daryl) Pooler and six grand children, Jessica, Haley, Nolan, Liam, Alex and Ethan. He is survived by two sisters Pat Allison of British Columbia and Pam Grossenbacher of Switzerland. Bill, his 91 year old Father is no longer alive, living in British Columbia, his mother Marjorie has predeceased him. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. In keeping with his wishes, cremation will take place. A private gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Death is not the end, it is simply walking out of the physical form and into the spirit realm, which is our true home. It's going back home. -Stephen Christopher-

Deaths

SAUNDERS, Ella - Ella Jane Saunders, nee Kemp, passed away peacefully at Maple Park Lodge in Fort Erie on Sunday, July 11, in her 91st year. Predeceased by her husband Bartholomew, eldest son Thomas, brother Lawrence Kemp and sister Patricia Kemp; survived by her children Janesae Garner, wife of George, Roxanne Scribbs, wife of Brian, and Richard, husband of Lynn; grandchildren Michael Garner, husband of Angelis, Jo Garner, and Jennifer Knight, wife of Jim; great-grandchildren Alexandra Knight, Oliver Knight and Evelyn Garner. After cremation, Ella will be interred with her beloved husband, Bart, in Delhi Cemetery. Her beautiful smile, sense of humour, generosity and warmth will be dearly missed. The family deeply appreciates the dedication, kindness and compassion shown by the staff of Maple Park Lodge, as well as the excellent care Ella received in recent years at Douglas Memorial Hospital. Sincere thanks are extended to Doctors Co. Leung and Tayab. The family is grateful to Niagara Funeral Alternatives for their compassion and professionalism during this difficult time.

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Frank Piorkowski
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In loving memory of a dear daughter-in-law,
Gloria O'Grady
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Though we try to forget every fear.
There's a love that's sweetest remembrance,
There's a memory fond and true,
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Hawks beat the league's best

Local lacrosse team takes 16-11 win against Can-Am All Stars

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Niagara Hawks Senior 'B' lacrosse team continues to prove why they are a force to be reckoned with.

Last Saturday, the first annual Can-Am All-Star game was held at the Leisureplex. Following a women's game and a match between local minor teams, the Hawks hit the floor to compete against the top players of the league's best, as they stayed together as the unit they have been all year-long.

The final score for the game was 16-11 in favour of the Hawks.

Goalkeeper Findley Wilson, who also played with the Buffalo Bandits of the National Lacrosse League (NLL) earlier in his career said winning against a highly skilled all-star team is a huge boost of confidence, exactly what they need right now as they get ready for the postseason next week, likely against the Allegany Arrows. Although the game doesn't mean anything for their regular season record, there was no reason to sit back and not give it everything they have as a team.

"It's still a game of lacrosse and you're still going to go out there and grind it," he said after the game.

Captain Blue Hill agreed, saying especially at this time of year it is important to keep the momentum going and play every game like it matters.

“It's still a game of lacrosse and you're still going to go out there and grind it.”

—Findley Wilson

"We're always going to play our own game," said Hill.

Mike Longboat, who currently sits third overall in scoring was named the Can-Am league's most valuable player at the lacrosse event at the Leisureplex last Saturday. He said he was rather surprised to be recognized with such a title, but said if he could give it to everyone else on the team, he would.

"It's definitely an honour, but I owe it all to my team," said Longboat.

Travis Hill, who is the younger brother of Blue, spent four seasons in the NHL, playing with the Minnesota Swarm. He

decided to take a break from professional lacrosse this season, to come back to his hometown and play with a team consisting of many players he grew up with. He didn't waste any time saying that that he is hungry for the President's Cup, a prestigious piece of hardware the Hawks will travel to British Columbia to compete for, if they end up coming out on top of the Can-Am league.

"In the end, if I'm not hoisting the cup... it's a disappointing season," said Hill.

Stevie Mussell, organizer of the event and convenor of the Can-Am league said she was thrilled by the amount of people who attended and was very proud of everyone who participated from the volunteers to those who hit the floor for the handful of games that took place throughout the day.

"It reached out to every part of the lacrosse culture," she said.



Niagara Hawk Steve Bomberry is welcomed to the floor by his teammate Andrew Blocho during last Saturday's Can-Am All-Star Game at the Leisureplex. The Hawks beat a team comprised of the league's best by a score of 16-11. Playoffs begin next week.



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In summer the temptation of unhealthy eating increases so please remember that healthy eating is important.

Canada's Food Guide recommends eating one dark green vegetable such as broccoli, romaine lettuce or spinach and one orange vegetable such as carrots, sweet potatoes or winter squash daily.

In the summer, when fresh fruits & vegetables are plentiful, choose them over salty high fat snacks or sugary desserts.

I wish you wonderful healthy and safe summer outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Sam Bashta, RPh
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